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Via Certified Mail / Return Receipt Requested

Regional Freedom of Information Officer United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 606045-3590

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for the Chemetco Superfund Site

located in Hartford, Illinois (the "Site")

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents Creative Recycling Systems, Inc. ("Creative Recycling"). Please consider this letter as Creative Recycling's request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for copies of the following documents having to do with the subject Site:

- 1. All documents indicating that Creative Recycling has any liability under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for the costs of cleaning up the Site.
- 2. All documents indicating that Creative Recycling arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous substances.
- 3. All documents having to do with any statements, depositions, or remarks made by any potential witness regarding the Site.
- 4. All documents relating to any entity identified by EPA as a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) at the Site.
- 5. All requests for information pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA issued to any person or entity regarding the Site.
- 6. All responses to requests for information pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA submitted to EPA by any person or entity regarding the Site.

- 7. All documents relating to any removal, remedial, or other similar action taken by the EPA at the Site.
- 8. All records from or to EPA regarding the Site.
- 9. All preliminary assessments regarding the Site.
- 10. All Phase I reports regarding the Site.
- 11. All Phase II reports regarding the Site.
- 12. All sampling reports and records regarding the Site.
- 13. All remedial investigation reports regarding the Site.
- 14. All remedial investigation reports and records regarding the Site.
- 15. All memoranda prepared by EPA regarding the Site.
- 16. All memorandum prepared by outside sources regarding the Site.
- 17. All orders or directives received from the Illinois EPA regarding the Site.
- 18. All documents having to do with Paradigm Minerals & Environmental Services' operations at the Site.
- 19. All documents, records, recording, transcripts or other documents having to do with the following recent activities:
- February 2014: EPA's PRP informational meeting and plans for the RI/FS negotiations.
- January 2014: Special Notice Letters to about 475 potentially responsible parties (PRPs) and the performance of the remedial investigation with EPA oversight.
- December 2013: The two community involvement information sessions at the Hartford Community Center held by EPA and the various options for community involvement at Superfund Sites.

- October 2013: The cleanup at the former Chemetco Inc. smelter to remove slag material from the site, including all information concerning the contractors and contract workers conducting the cleanup under supervision of the EPA. All documents having to do with the processing of the slag into recyclable metals.
- August 2013: The public meeting held by EPA about the consent decree.
 All documents from the federal and state governments having do with the consent decree, including all documents regarding the interim cleanup plan at the Site.
- March 2013: All documents having to do with the Data Group, the Materials-In Database, and the tools or process for establishing and allocating liability for investigation and/or cleanup costs.
- 2012: All documents, records and files that Data Group consolidated, inventoried, and secured having to do with the records and files left at the Site.
- 20. All documents that identify contaminants found at the Site.
- 21. All documents that identify the location of contaminants found at the Site.
- 22. All documents that identify the type and level of contaminants found at the Site.
- 23. All documents that identify the location of leaching areas on the Site and the type and level of contaminants found in the leaching areas.
- 24. All documents that identify the location of the contaminated areas on the Site and the type and level of contaminants found in those areas.
- 25. All documents that identify the location and level of contaminants found in the surface soil on the Site.
- 26. All documents that identify the location and level of contaminants found in the subsurface soil on the Site.
- 27. All documents that identify the location and level of contaminants found in the groundwater on Site.

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- 28. All documents that identify the location and level of contaminants found in the surface water on Site.
- 29. All documents that identify the location and level of contaminants found in the sediment on Site.
- 30. All documents that define the nature and extent of the contamination at the Site.
- 31. All documents that evaluate options for cleaning up the contamination at the Site.
- 32. All records demonstrating any communication or transaction involving Creative Recycling's provision or delivery of hazardous substances to the Site.
- 33. All records demonstrating what happened to any hazardous substances provided by Creative Recycling after being delivered at the Site.

Please contact me or Mary Lou George (727-502-8207) if you have any questions about this Request and to discuss the expected date and method for production of these records. If possible, the preferred method for production of the records is in an electronic format (CD, DVD, etc.). Thank you.

Yours truly,

Quinn A. Henderson

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